

### REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1-11 and 18-20. In the Office Action mailed April 19, 2006, Claims 12-17 and 21-28 were rejected. While applicants do not concede the propriety of the claim rejections, applicants have amended Claims 12 and 22 to expedite allowance of the application.

The undersigned counsel thanks Examiner Desire for the time and consideration he extended in a telephone interview conducted May 31, 2006. During the interview, Claim 12, as amended herein, was discussed and a tentative agreement was reached that the amendments to Claim 12 patentably distinguish the claim over the prior art. The Examiner reserved the opportunity to further consider the claims after receiving the present response. Claims 13-17 and 21, which depend from Claim 12, are also patentable for their dependence on an allowable base claim and for the additional subject matter they recite.

Further, applicants similarly amend Claim 22. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that Claim 22 is in condition for allowance. Claims 23-28 are also allowable for their dependence on Claim 22 and for the additional subject matter they recite.

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Accordingly, Claims 1-28, which are pending in the application, are all believed to be in allowable condition. Applicants request a notice to that effect at an early date.

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